

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry Documentary days before the election is a clear violation of current FCC rules. The damage to our system of democratic and free communication will be damaged far beyond what is recoverable in fines for such violations. This sort of behavior must not be allowed.

Cases like this one demonstrate how control of the airwaves by large companies is more in support of economics than public interest. Sinclair and other such companies use the public airwaves free of charge, and are obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead of content produced at centralized news factories, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

This case shows why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.